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material is sodium chloride (NaCl). Other examples of ionic bond are the salt-like carbides described in Sec. 5.4.

5.2 Covalent Bond

Covalent bonds are formed by the sharing of electrons (rather than transfer). Typically two atoms share a pair of electrons. A covalent structure, that of diamond, is shown schematically in Fig. 2.1.^[7] The shaded regions designate a high probability of finding the shared electrons (see Sec. 3.3).

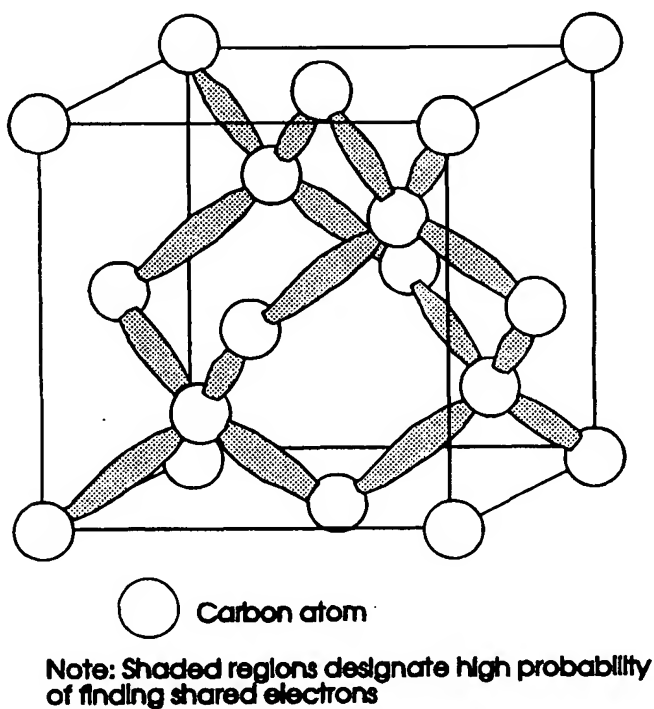


Figure 2.1: Schematic representation of the structure of the diamond crystal.